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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE OF SANCTIONS TREATY IMPLEMENTATION

REF: (A) MEXICO 14649, (B) STATE 209584, (C) MEXICO 12753

1. REF (A) IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 29 FROM MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES TO U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL BELL CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF EXCHANGE OF SANCTIONS TREATY.

2. EMBASSY WISHES AGAIN TO MAKE EXPLICIT THE IMPORT OF PARA 7 OF REF (A). IT REITERATES THE HIGH POLITICAL IMPORTANCE TO GOM OF SIMULTANEOUS TRANSFER OF U.S. AND MEXICAN PRISONERS, AS EVIDENCE THAT MEXICO GAINS AS MUCH AS U.S. FROM THE AGREEMENT. PUBLIC IMPRESSION TO CONTRARY COULD SERIOUSLY POLITICALLY EMBARRASS JLP GOVERNMENT; THAT, IN TURN, WOULD INEVITABLY ADVERSELY AFFECT MARKED IMPROVEMENT OVER PAST NINE MONTHS IN GOM RESPONSIVENESS TO U.S. INITIATIVES IN NUMEROUS AREAS, INCLUDING PRISONER TREATMENT. TO FORESTALL SUCH POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT GOM COULD DELAY FIRST TRANSFER OF AMCIT PRISONERS PENDING COMPLETION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF AT LEAST SOME MEXICAN PRISONERS.

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3. EMBASSY THEREFORE APPRECIATES ALL DEPARTMENT EFFORTS SUCH AS REF (B) WHICH KEEP US INFORMED ON STATUS OF MEXICAN PRISONER SIDE OF EXCHANGE. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF IMPORTANCE MOVEMENT OF MEXICAN PRISONERS MAY ASSUME FOR TRANSFER OF AMCIT PRISONERS, URGE DEPT. MAKE EVERY EFFORT EXPEDITE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EARLY TRANSFER OF SOME MEXICAN

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